

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Randy Scott – Pentecostals of South Lake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Judge Gina Jones gave the Oath and provided the Swearing in of the following Police Officers:

Keith A. Hickok

Mario F. Kloc

Daniel E. Knight

Jesus Solis, Jr.

The Town Council congratulated and welcomed the new Police Officers.

Ms. LaMarca announced the winners for the 4th of July parade as follows:

Best Performing Youth Group

Champion Cheer Squad

Best Walking Youth Group

Girls Scout Troop 306

Most Creative Commercial Float

Geminus Head Start

Most Creative Hand Made Float

Reinhart Theater's Beauty and the Beast

Best Decorated Car

Tint Man Dan

Ms. Orlich presented the winners with a trophy. The Town Council congratulated all of the winners.

The Town received a request for approval of a large gathering permit for St. Sava Serb Fest. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated July 25, 2017. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit commented that we are moving forward regarding the bonding for paving.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk said American Water will be doing work in Turkey Creek Subdivision which may result in temporary water shut offs periodically.

Mr. Minchuk provided details of the bid information for the 2017 Crack Sealing Program. The recommendation from Robinson Engineering is to award the contract to Days Construction. Mrs. Barron made a motion to accept the recommendation to award the contract to Days Construction. Mr. Pettit seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Spires provided detailed information regarding the Town wide sign replacement project.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Uzelac announced the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-8 p.m. at Merrillville Town Hall. Please join us to bring local residents, business owners, organization members and community leaders together with law enforcement for the purpose of strengthening neighborhood spirit and promoting crime awareness and prevention.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac requested extra patrol in the 4th Ward due to someone throwing glass into the streets causing a hazard and residents having to clean up the debris.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca referred to Jan Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich said the Blue Chip Casino trip will leave Friday, July 28th at 9 a.m. from Pruzin Park. The Secret Life of Pets Movie in the Park will be Thursday, August 10th at 8:30 p.m. The Senior Lunch will be Friday, August 11, 2017. Ms. Orlich thanked Public Works, Fire Department and the Park Staff for their help with the Concert in the Park. Ms. Orlich presented detailed information regarding an artist interested in painting a mural on the tunnel at Erie Lakawanna Trail. President Hardaway complimented Ms. LaMarca & Ms. Orlich for the excellent endeavor having the Concert in the Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron referred to Matt Lake for a report. Mr. Lake said they will be hosting the Northwest Indiana Stormwater Advisory Group Meeting on August 17th at the Stormwater Resource Center. Mr. Lake spoke about the particular topics to be discussed. Mr. Lake said we are soliciting vendors for an online GIS Systems and provided details of the process as well as the possibility of partnering with MCD and American Water. Mr. Lake provided Stormwater updates related to various improvement projects.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS: Ms. LaMarca had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON: Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES: President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES: None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 17-20: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of 2017 budget within the Rental Registration Fund. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Res. 17-21: A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of 2017 budget within the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

<u>BZA ACTIONS:</u>	Petitioner:	Manvee Real Estate Indiana, LLC
	Owner:	Hoosier Park LLC
	Request:	Variance of use approval
	Purpose:	Proposed wholesale bakery
	Location:	7610 Broadway
	Zoning:	C-3, Highway Commercial
	Case #:	Z25UV-0717

Sheila Shine provided the Staff Report for the request. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Pettit referenced a memo regarding the leasing of the North Fire Station. Discussion followed regarding the Fire Territory Board having rights to execute lease with Superior Ambulance Service. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve that the Town Council waive the right for the Fire Territory Board to send the lease agreement from Superior Ambulance Service to the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, July 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Abandoned Blighted Properties Committee meeting, July 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Stormwater Management Board meeting, August 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
National Night Out, August 1, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Merrillville Municipal Complex, 7820 Broadway)
National Night Out, August 1, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Ward 2 – Meadowland Park / 54th & Madison)
Plan Commission workshop meeting, August 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
Police Commission meeting, August 4, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
Town Council meeting, August 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer